

NMRC Celebrates Almost Eight Decades Protecting the Health of the Warfighter through Research and Innovation

Naval Medical Research Center

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Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC) celebrated its 76th birthday during a ceremony Oct. 26.

The ceremony was designed to give command leadership, researchers, and staff the opportunity to commemorate the milestone and reflect on NMRC's decades-long history supporting, protecting, and promoting the health of the warfighter through pioneering medical research solutions.

Capt. Adam Armstrong, NMRC's commander, welcomed attendees and thanked them for their many contributions, and for sharing his vision for the future and continued success among the entire Navy Medicine Research and Development Enterprise.

A short video produced by André B. Sobocinski, historian, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) was then played.



Afterwards Armstrong closed the ceremony by cutting a birthday cake adorned with the NMRC logo with a ceremonial cutlass.

According to Sobocinski, NMRC was originally established as the Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI) in October 1942 on the campus of what used to be known as the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

"NMRI's mission was to find solutions to the practical medical problems arising from World War II," he said.

On Oct. 1, 1998, NMRI was reorganized as NMRC, and relocated to Silver Spring, Maryland, in 1999.

About Naval Medical Research Center

NMRC's eight laboratories are engaged in a broad spectrum of activity from basic science in the laboratory to field studies at sites in austere and remote areas of the world to operational environments. In support of the Navy, Marine Corps, and joint U.S. warfighters, researchers study infectious diseases, biological warfare detection and defense, combat casualty care, environmental health concerns, aerospace and undersea medicine, medical modeling, simulation and operational mission support, and epidemiology and behavioral sciences.

NMRC and the laboratories deliver high-value, high-impact research products to support and protect today's deployed warfighters. At the same time researchers are focused on the readiness and well-being of future forces.

To find out more about NMRC, visit <https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmrc>.